



PARKS, RECREATION, & ARTS CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING RESULTS

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Committee, Staff, Council, Guests

Present	Name	Ward	Position
X	Jerry Duepner	I	Member
X	Mary Klauke	I	Member
	Laura Schellenberg	I	Member
	Gary Stein	I	Member
	Charlie Foxman	II	Member
X	Shaul Ganel	II	Member
X	Eileen Sellers	II	Secretary
X	Ryan Harrison	III	Member
	Mark Ivancic	III	Member "At Large"
	Alan Politte	III	Member
	Kelli Unnerstall	III	Member
	Kathy Wintermann	III	Member
	Brendan Block	IV	Member
X	Robert Kilo	IV	Member
X	Jim Pisoni	IV	Chair
X	Meera Vasudevamurthy	IV	Member
X	Gary Budoor	IV	Council Member
X	Merrell Hansen	IV	Council Member
X	TW Dieckmann		Staff, Director
X	Kari Johnson		Staff, Recreation Superintendent

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order by Vice Chair, Jim Pisoni at 6:15 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL:** Self introductions were made around the table.

3. **2024 ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

It was noted that Barbara Briggs retired from PRACAC effective 1/1/24. TW presented a slate of officers based on the nominations he received.

- a. Chair – Jim Pisoni was nominated. He indicated that he was moving out of Chesterfield, and could only serve until June. After that, a new Chair will need to be selected.
- b. Vice Chair – Charlie Foxman was nominated for Vice Chair.
- c. Secretary – Eileen Sellers was nominated for Secretary. Eileen indicated that she would need to miss the March and May meetings due to work obligations. TW indicated that someone else could take meeting results in Eileen’s absence.

Officer nominations approved unanimously.

4. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING RESULTS**

- a. Jerry Duepner moved to approve the October 18, 2023 meeting results. Ryan Harrison seconded. **Motion approved unanimously.**

5. **DEPARTMENT UPDATES:**

a. 2024 Preview – Recreation & PRA Updates

Archery range remains in progress. It will be located near the shooting range on Outer 40 Road. Surveys work has been completed by Stock Associates. MSD has provided site comments and requirements. PRA staff working with public works engineers on next steps.

Amphitheater

- Staff are reviewing preliminary designs from Bond Architects for back-of-house (BOH) improvements to address the artists' needs. This will include artist/crew/manager quarters, improved space for tour vehicles, overhead coverings to protect crew and equipment from the elements as they move to the stage, and improvements to the existing BOH structures
- Staff are reviewing a new restroom design from Bond Architects to be located near the main entrance on the hillside. It would be accessible from the hill or outside plaza. Bond provided a first opinion of probable cost to staff in early January.
- Synthetic turf was installed in the plaza outside the amphitheater's main entrance.

CFAC

- The aquatic feasibility study discussed at the October, 18 2023 PRACAC meeting, was presented to the PRA Committee of Council November 1, 2023. They requested an additional "smaller design footprint" scenario be added, and be brought back to the committee. That meeting is January 22, 2024.
- An update was provided regarding off-season maintenance and water leaks. Capri Pools will continue working into spring to address issues.

CVAC

- Pickleball court fencing was installed December 2023. Windscreens arrive this spring.
- RD24 MUNI grant work to renovate Miracle Field renovation is proceeding. This includes new playing surface (Mondo), a universal ADA-accessible playground, and scoreboard.

Community Center

- We will host two local DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) groups in February.
- The current lease runs through August 2024 unless something changes.

Trails

- Riparian Trail's north section (Wildhorse to Old Chesterfield Road) is closed until end of May 2024. This is due to construction of a sanitary storage system with city right-of-way at the north end, near Old Chesterfield Road. It is a public works project, and will be restored upon completion.
- Phase VI of levee trail extension (Top Golf to Highway 64) remains under litigation.

Great Rivers Greenway (GRG) is undergoing a minor reorganization. TW remains in touch with new contacts. New levee trail signage is still funded, and awaits USACE permits for next steps.

GORC (Gateway Off-Road Cyclists) bike trails proposal for River's Edge Park was approved by PRA Committee of Council and City Council. GORC volunteers plan to start work this spring.

Swim, Bike, Run is opening a location in Chesterfield near the end of February. Staff will work with them on outdoor recreation programming at River's Edge Park this year.

The city's spring "Citizen" newsletter will be mailed late February. Some PRA programs include:

- A spring camp will be offered in March at the community center.
- A senior health fair is planned April 4 at the community center.
- Stand Up Paddleboard (SUP) STL (third party outdoor recreation vendor) returns in May.

The city is transitioning to a new web site and several department specific modules through "CivicPlus." The PRA module is "CivicRec." It interfaces with other city modules to improve customer experience and efficiencies. It also includes a new online registration system. Testing and training have been going on for weeks. Staff anticipate it will go live mid to late January.

TW recognized Recreation Specialist, AnnaBeth Batson, (Sports & Wellness Division) for earning her Certified Parks and Recreation Professional (CPRP) credential.

Chair of the Environment Committee, Darcy Capstick, is retiring effective 1/31/2024. Her last meeting will be January 25. There will be a small reception at City Hall.

6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- none

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

Highlighting public art

- a. The Bird. Discussed this artwork located at Eberwein Park by sculptor Donald Horstman.
- b. Birds in Flight. Discussed this artwork located in Central Park, from Fine Art Ltd.

8. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: March 13, 2024; 6:15pm; Room 102-103 City Hall